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CONGRESSMAN JONATHAN BINGHAM AND HIS WIFE DEPARTED SOMALIA  
WEDNESDAY MORNING AUGUST 22 AFTER A 3 DAY VISIT AS GUESTS OF  
THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

THE SONNA BULLETIN, A GOVERNMENT DAILY BULLETIN, PRINTED  
THE FOLLOWING REPORT AUGUST 21:

QUOTE: MR. JONATHAN B. BINGHAM, A MEMBER OF THE USA HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS WIFE WHO ARE NOW IN A SHORT VISIT  
TO THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, YESTERDAY PAID A SHORT  
VISIT TO THE YOUTH REVOLUTION CENTER IN AFGOYE, THE COLLEGE  
OF EDUCATION, THE SHALAMBOT CRASH PROGRAM AND THE STUDENT  
SUMMER CAMP AT EL JALLE. THE YOUTH AT THE CENTER WELCOMED  
THE VISITORS WITH REVOLUTIONARY SONGS AND TRADITIONAL PLAYS.  
MR. BINGHAM COMMENDED THE YOUTH FOR THEIR REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT  
AND APPRECIATED THE WORK DONE IN SHALAMBOT AND MERCA - END  
QUOTE.

THE OCTOBER STAR AUGUST 22, DAILY NEWSPAPER WRITTEN IN SOMALI,  
IN REPORTING THE CONGRESSMAN'S CALL ON PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE  
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WEDNESDAY EVENING HAD THIS TO SAY:

QUOTE: SRC PRESIDENT JALLE SIAD WELCOMED IN HIS OFFICE LAST NIGHT MR. JONATHAN BINGHAM, MEMBER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHO IS HERE ON A THREE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, AND HAD FRIENDLY TALKS WITH HIM.

JALLE SIAD BRIEFED MR. BINGHAM AND HIS WIFE ON SOMALIA'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO BUILD A NEW SOCIETY AND FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF A BETTER LIFE. CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH WHAT HE SAW IN SOMALIA DURING HIS STAY. PRESENT ON THE OCCASION WERE ALSO THE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY, ABDIKASIM SALAD HASSAN, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ABDURAHMAN JAMA BARRE AND U.S. CHARGE' W. KENNEDY CROMWELL.

EARLIER DURING THE DAY THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, LT. COL. ABDURAZAQ MOHAMOUD ABUBAKER, RECEIVED MR. BINGHAM AND HIS WIFE IN HIS OFFICE, AND TOLD THE U.S. CONGRESSMAN ABOUT THE AIM BEHIND THE CURRENT HEALTH AND CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN. THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WERE ALSO WARMLY RECEIVED YESTERDAY THE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY, ABDIKASIM SALAD HASSAN, END QUOTE.

CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM, IN A DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT THE MOG-ADISCO AIRPORT WEDNESDAY MORNING, SAID, QUOTE. THIS HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL VISIT TO SOMALIA. I AM GRATEFUL TO HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, ABDIKASIM AND OTHERS WHO HAVE MADE OUR VISIT A MEMORABLE ONE. I AM VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF SOMALIA TOGETHER ARE ATTACKING THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF HUNGER AND ILLITERACY AND SO ON THAT THIS COUNTRY FACES. OBVIOUSLY GREAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. I WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED TO SEE HOW THE ARMY IS WORKING AT CIVILIAN TASKS LIKE TRYING TO PUT VEGETATION ON THE SAND DUNES AND MANY OTHER PROGRAMS. THE CRASH PROGRAM WE VISITED, IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE THE PEOPLE OF THAT REGION WORKING TOGETHER TO GROW MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF CROPS. ALL IN ALL I AM VERY IMPRESSED. I HOPE THAT WE CAN SOON RESUME PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION WITH SOMALIA TO HELP IN THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS AND TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS COUNTRY.

CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. JONATHAN BINGHAM WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, ABDIKASIM UNCLASSIFIED

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SALAM HASSAN, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MOHAMED OSMAN, MR. HASSAN KAID OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE U.S. CHARGE' W. KENNEDY CROMWELL AND MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS. MACK

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